

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract which appears on a separate sheet.

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

--More particularly, the present invention relates to a mechanism whose winding and setting stem is in two axial portions located in parallel planes but offset relative to each other. Such winding and setting mechanisms with a stem [[and]] in two offset pieces are particularly useful for complicated movements, particularly modular, because in such movements the winding stem is located offset relative to the medial plane of movement which is a drawback from the practical and above all the aesthetic point of view.--

Page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

Page 2, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 2, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention has for its object to permit the production of an axial and rotatable movement transmission mechanism[[,]] between two axles, particularly of a winding setting mechanism comprising a winding stem [[and]] in two axial portions located in parallel planes kinematically connected in rotation and in translation but which avoids a reversal of the direction of rotation of the two portions of the winding stem.--

Page 2, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention has for its object a mechanism for the transmission of axial and rotatable movements between two axles located in parallel planes and particularly a winding and setting mechanism for a timepiece, comprising a winding stem in two axial portions located in parallel planes, these two portions of the winding stem being kinematically connected both for rotation and for translation, and which is distinguished by the characteristics set forth ~~in claim 1~~ below.--

Page 2, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 3, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--As will be seen, the first portion 8 of the winding stem, forming ~~[[a]]~~ part of the movement 4, is located lower than the medial plane of this timepiece, because of the increased thickness due to the chronograph module 5. The first portion 8 of the winding stem (axle) comprises adjacent its end located in the movement 4, a squared ~~number~~ portion (10) permitting winding ~~by the conventional movement in the cylinder of the movement of the barrel of the movement by a conventional wheel mechanism~~ when this portion 8 of the winding stem is in the winding position shown in Figure 1. This squared ~~number~~ portion 10 slides in a conventional manner in a movable member actuating a kinematic connection driving in rotation the hands of the movement for setting when this first portion 8 of the winding stem is in the pulled out setting position shown in broken line in Figure 1.--

Page 4, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

--Mounted rigidly on the end of the first portion 8 of the winding stem and located between the two plates 11 and 12 is a first pinion 15. This first pinion 15 is in engagement with a reverser 16 freely pivoted between the plates 11 and 12. This pinion 15 comprises a hub 15a such that the thickness of the pinion 15 and its hub 15a occupies all the space comprised

between the two plates 11 and 12 of the movable means. The reverser 16 is in engagement with ~~[[the]]~~ a second pinion 17, also located between the plates 11 and 12 of the movable means, secured to the internal end of the second portion 18 of the winding stem (axle) which is disposed and pivoted in an opening provided in the plate 11 of the movable assembly 11, 12, which opening opens onto the upper section of this plate 11.--

Page 4, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 21, bridging pages 4 and 5, with the following amended paragraph:

--The movable assembly 11, 12 is disposed at least in part in a recess 20 formed radially in the bezel 2. In modifications, this movable assembly could be partially or totally disposed within the movement 4 or its additional mechanism 5. The plate 11 of this movable assembly is gripped without play between the hub of the second pinion 17 and ~~[[the]]~~ a large diameter portion of the second portion 18 of the winding stem, such that the movable assembly 11, 12 follows the axial movements of this ~~[[first]]~~ second portion 18 of the winding stem and communicates them to the first portion 8 of the winding stem.--

Page 5, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

--This winding and setting mechanism permits having the winding stem ~~[[18]]~~ 19 in the medial plane of the watch case,

although the movement 4 is offset relative to this medial plane. Moreover, this mechanism gives rise, during rotation of the winding crown 19, to a rotation in the same direction of the first portion 8 of the winding stem, permitting a setting of the movement in the usual manner which is easy for the user.--